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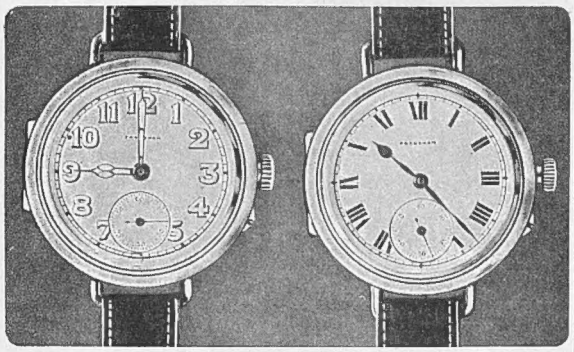

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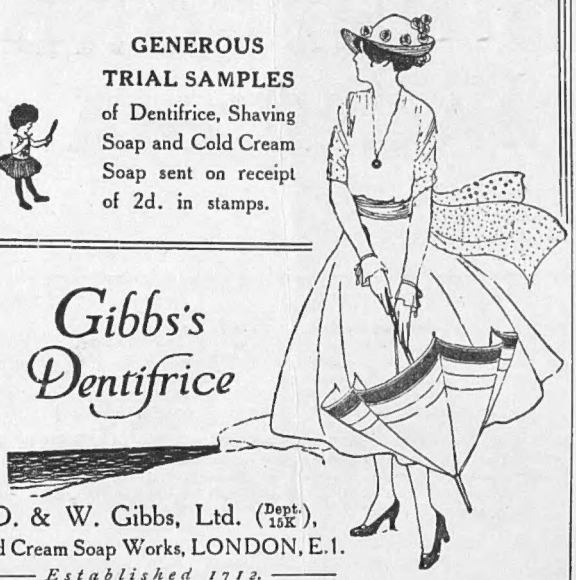

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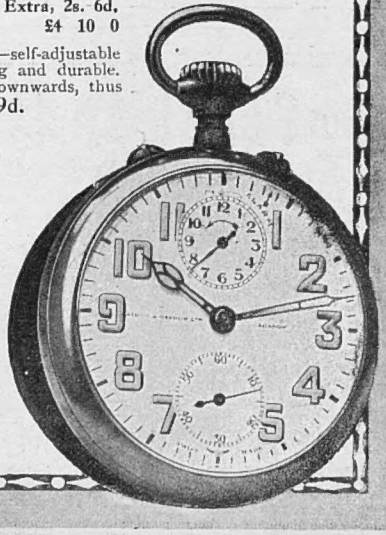

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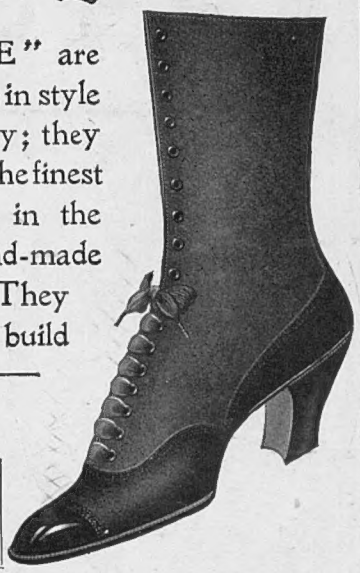

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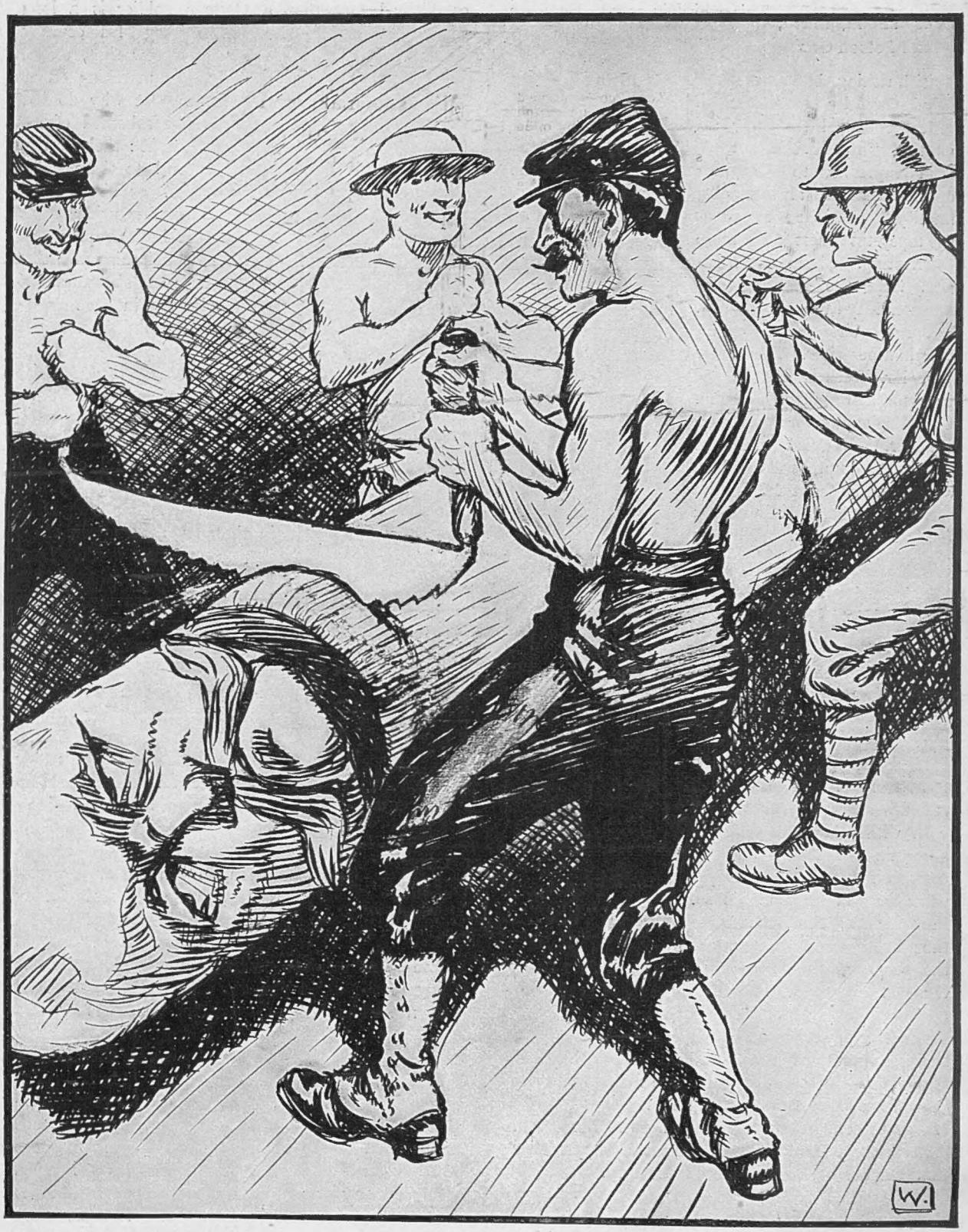
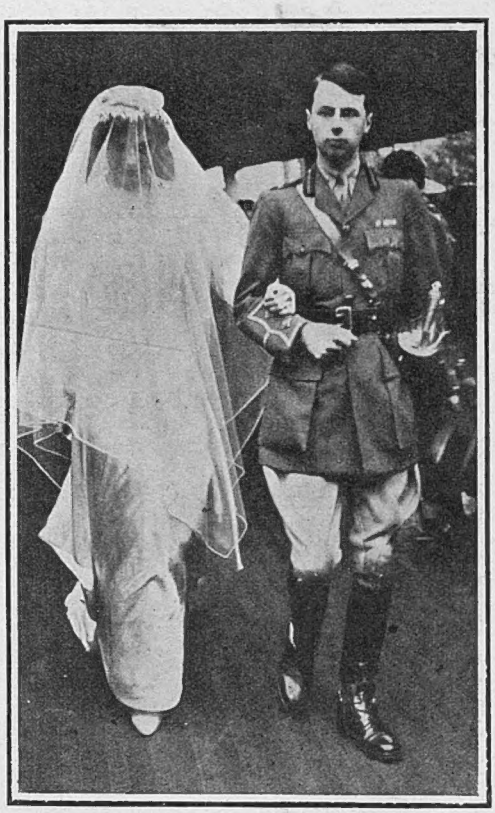


HINDENBURG GETTING "CUT UP"

BYSTANDER WAR COMMENTS

Prussianism, Pluck, and Poison Gas

This whirligig war! Here are the Germans trying to drown the Prussian Guard, and the British risking their own lives to save them; hospital ships carefully disguising all Red Cross signs in order to be a little safer; and H. G. Wells telling us that "the time is now ripe . . . to give some clear expression to the great volume of Republican opinion that has always existed in the British community." On the whole, Mr. Wells's contribution to the topsy-turvyness is the most —irritating. One expects madness from the Prussian and magnanimity from the British, but not poison-gas from an imaginative writer. The matter with Mr. Wells is that he has not a spark of sentiment in him. The King stands for everything that Mr. Wells clearly cannot in the least comprehend, and he arouses throughout the Empire feelings that in Mr. Wells clearly do not exist. Mr. Wells has shown us how Mr. Britling sees it through: he now enables us to see through *him*.



A UNIONIST UNION

Two of the great Unionist political families of England changed their "entente" for an alliance when, on Saturday last, the Marquis of Hartington, elder son and heir of the Duke of Devonshire, married Lady Mary Cecil, younger daughter of the Marquis of Salisbury

Shells and Survivors

The funny thing about the men who make the wars is that they are about the only men who don't fight in them. I hope the widowed and the fatherless of Berlin will remember this if "The Day" with which they will probably entertain the Kaiser and Co. comes off before "The Day" when we will certainly do so. Pursuing a similar line of thought, the funny thing about the people who make the shells is that it does not in the least follow they are indirectly engaged in the business of killing the enemy. Knowing the enormous destructive power of a shell and the wide area of its business operations one would have said unthinkingly that every shell kills at least one man. Yet Lord Curzon has been telling us that in the first ten days of our present offensive we fired over four million shells; and we know that we killed nothing approaching that number of Boches, more's the pity.

German Mentality

Quite the most surprising of recent manifestations of the German mind is Berlin's official denial of the established fact that a German soldier is a long way from having finished serving his country when he is dead. We all know now that, unlike John Brown's body, *his* body goes marching on to be reproduced in handier form. But why do the Germans deny it? The tiger is not ashamed of his ferocity nor the ape of his beastliness: they horrify and shock us, but they are natural to them. The German nature has disclosed itself as about equal parts of the tiger and the ape; it takes pride rather than shame in its rapine and murder, its poisoning of wells, and all its other abominations. When glorying in such treatment of the living it seems silly to be so touchy about the treatment of the dead.

Bread—and Butter

What always goes with bread, Mr. Director-General of Food Economy Kennedy Jones, M.P.? Butter—or margarine, in these days when peers eat it and only paupers won't. Lord Devonport has neglected my infallible tip for saving meat by making it compulsory to serve the sweets course first, so I turn to you, D.G.F.E.K.J.M.P., with one equally simple and equally efficacious for saving bread. No butter! In restaurants, teashops, and places where they eat make an order that no butter is to be served—after breakfast-time, if you like. How much bread would be eaten, do you think? Only as much, sir, as would satisfy genuine hunger, and not a crumb more. Dry bread is grand when you are genuinely hungry, but the last thing in the world you eat when you're not. And why not whitewash confectioners' windows?

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BYSTANDER COMMENTS (concluded)

ON SALISBURY PLAIN

A review was held last week, by the King, of a number of Australian Reserve Troops; His Majesty addressed the men and urged them to follow the glorious example already set by their countrymen in Gallipoli and France

do more harm than the crime—and that is always the danger in stifling free opinion. I am not saying, mind you, that the *Nation's* opinions were all that British opinion should be; on the contrary. But I do say there are better ways of correcting them than advertising them at home and stopping them abroad.

The Body-Snatchers

If the Government would devote to propaganda work some of the journalistic energy it displays from time to time more good would be done. In the matter, for instance, of this unspeakable corpse-boiling process of the German Offal Utilisation Company, Ltd., the abominable details of which have recently become public. A nation that permits the bodies of its soldiers to be collected, railed off to a factory and simmered down into glycerine, soap-fats, pig-food, and bone manure is an abomination on the face of the earth. No pacifist here, no pro-German the wide world over, can do other than give his full support to the righteousness of our cause when he learns that such iniquity is encouraged in Germany. But does the Government take the remotest trouble to spread the facts?

AT THE REVIEW

The King presenting the D.S.O. to Major T. F. Brown, A.A.M.C.

Tribunal Amenities

Not unique, I believe, is the tribunal that gave itself the pleasure of having "a few words" the other day. The military representative, in acid phrases, told a prominent member that he (the member) was himself of military age, and what about it? And the eligible member inquired of the military representative whether he did not think it was about time he made himself fit to go back to the front, and what about *that?* These be pleasant gentlemen for the young aspirant for exemption to come before; and, as I have said, I believe their case is not unique. Is it impossible for tribunals of this disposition to remember that they are there to act together for the good of the State, not for the purpose of wrangling while the precious minutes and the still more precious men slip by? Military representatives (who for the honour of the Army should not be fit for general service) might remember that they are the only members of the tribunal who are not performing their duties for nothing; and civil members might remember that the M.R.'s task is peculiarly thankless, and be—civil.

In Ireland—Still

What is the most amazing thing in the war?—Ireland. It is beyond everything extraordinary that with greybeards and cripples being threatened with the comb a whole army corps of young men in the prime of youth should be permitted to go scot free at our very gates. And the only solution talked of with any hope is to coerce the little body of Irishmen who are ardently loyal and have enlisted freely! Perhaps it is just as well that the drastic methods of despotic rule in the East are not in accordance with Western ideas. For example, the Amir of Afghanistan gave some advice pertinent to the subject when he spoke of the British clemency in a little frontier show then occupying our attention. The way to treat those people, said he, is to put every male over fifteen to the sword. "And if that didn't do I should then proceed to take stern measures!"

The Poets Revised

"In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of" . . . War

"IN ENGLAND -NOW!"

"Will they send the 45's to the war?"

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM "BLANCHE"

LONDON, *April* 23, 1917.

DEAR COUSIN—

THEY are saying the "Prayers in Time of Famine" in the churches here in England now; but lean days won't matter if they're also days of victory, will they? It's extraordinary, though, the *fuss* people make about food. All these moans about potatoes. . . . Of course, I know it is difficult for the poor to manage without that easily cooked and conveniently "filling" vegetable—they do "help out" the bacon or the stew, especially when there's a posse of hungry little souls waiting, like fledgelings, open-mouthed round the table; but even the poor housewife could do without if she'd only give as much time and trouble as the German or the French woman does to what, after all, is her job in life.

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BUT when better-off people begin to make a fuss about their old potatoes, it's just nothing more or less than greediness, that's all. They don't get many potatoes *or* vegetables out at the front, and I suppose they've managed—anyway, they're doing the Hun in on it. Here at home there are dozens of things to take the place of the inevitable *pomme de terre*, the sole disadvantage of which is that they're a good deal more trouble to prepare.

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THE amusing part of it is that it's the women who are making the outcry. Yet, as everyone knows, before there was a shortage, "no potatoes" was the very first thing fashionable doctors prescribed for those seekers after beauty whose doubling chins and tragically solidifying silhouettes gave them dread warning of that

Which is most barbarous, the middle age
Of—woman.

And I've seen even the quite irresistibly fascinating new potato refused by the most *gourmandes* "patients" without a murmur—under doctor's orders and for the sake of face and figure.

BUT it's when the Controller puts a ban on tea-time that I'm afraid we'll really feel the pinch, for in London now it's the craze of crazes, going out to tea. At the Carlton, as at the "Popular," a social stage lower down, from four to six every single day of every month of the year it's a triumph to get a "good" table. A harmless, most innocent, and inexpensive amusement, I grant you; but, of course, the carpers might, perhaps, say that at such a time, when every hand, even the most inexpert, is needed on deck to help to win the war such a superabundance of leisure is a wasted asset.

"A tax on tobacco?"

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OUR regiments of women could better serve the State—shall we say on the land? Which, as the Prime Minister says, is as much a part of the line held by the British Empire against the Germans as the one in France. "We may have to feed our Army and Navy as well as ourselves on home-grown food. Every full day's labour shortens the struggle. Every idle day, all loitering, lengthens the struggle and makes defeat more possible."

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AND this daily onslaught on the teashops is a bit incongruous with—well, "prayers in time of

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"Rats as big as cats"

famine" in the churches. Rather drastic, perhaps, to go as far as the French have and close down all the cake shops so as to create a flour reserve; but if it's come to be a praying matter I should think it's, anyway, time we *started* doing something.

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MEANWHILE they don't seem to be getting on very fast with the back-to-the-land-for-women idea. For one thing, the farmer men aren't so frightfully keen on the innovation—"no good except on chicken farms" one big one's just told me, I'm sure a little too sweepingly; and, for another, owing no doubt to the teashop and other temptations aforesaid, they aren't exactly rolling up in their millions, the women to work on the land. Not suitable ones, anyway—though, of course, it's difficult to say what the average teashop-haunting flapper *is* suitable for. One can hardly imagine them, for instance, joining the noble army of milkmaids, of which 10,000 are wanted at once. Milking's not learnt in a day, or even a month, and when you do know how it's a job best done by the patient, while rising at half-past three, even on a summer morning, naturally wouldn't appeal to the town girls who find eight an annoyingly early hour.

"Your letters are read by a little group of Italian artillerymen"

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AND little wonder, if our 1917 summer's going to be anything like our unspeakable 1917 spring; which I'm not going to talk about—the only language at all suitable doesn't look nice in print. But I think we must be in the gods' bad books, or something, or can it be they've lost patience—such fools we mortals be to quarrel and kill and devastate and ruin? Some of us, though, don't really mind very much the miss the spring is giving us this year. Spring-time's for happiness, and though one may be proud one hardly even wants to be happy in this most bitter spring of all.

SO many of our best and our bravest

. . . Have a rendezvous with Death
At some disputed barricade,
When spring comes back with rustling shade,
And apple-blossoms fill the air.

They have a rendezvous with Death,
On some scarred slope of battered hill,
When spring comes round again this year,
And the first meadow flowers appear.

An American wrote that, one who enlisted in the French Foreign Legion and did not fail that rendezvous.

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APROPOS, great American doings over here, of course—an American "day" last week, with the P.M. postponing his Freedom of the City show at the Guildhall so's to be present at the American "service of consecration" at St. Paul's, and the Stars and Stripes madly waving everywhere. I do hope, by the way, it wasn't the prelude to a real flag-selling day. May's full of 'em already, and, anyway, what *could* it be for?

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THE week's home excitement is about Bonar's new Budget. No one can imagine what on earth he can possibly put more taxes on to, except, of course, excess profits, and that's *very* popular. From the highest to the lowest and the richest to the poorest we've all suffered so unendingly all through the war at the hands of the profiteers that I'm sure there'd not be a tear shed if they went and taxed them, as G. B. S. suggested, 19*s.* 6*d.* in the pound. Even so they'd have a lot more sixpences left than most of us have ever seen or heard of.

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THE other Parliamentary business is, of course, the inevitable man-power one—quite a lot of qualms, by the way, in quite a lot of homes just now about whether they will or will not send the 45's to the war. And then there's Ireland to settle—or, perhaps, I should say keep quiet. More Sinn Feiners than ever over there now, by the way, I'm told, but more troops too; and more potatoes—but that won't be for long. They're all planting flax over there for next year because it pays better, and never mind the nation's needs.

❀ ❀

QUITE a lot of fighting men, by the way, are writing to tell me that they, at any rate, agree with me about the too, too cheery way we take the war in England. "You really get the true picture of life out here, Blanche," says one who ought to know, because he's been out there almost since the beginning. "It's such a pity that the popular papers misrepresent the real state of life with the army in France. I could quote you several things that would make even the German Press announcements appear almost truthful in comparison. That's why we like your letters. There's that bit of feminine interest and the sympathy of one who understands, which is the thing that makes this hell worth while."

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Iron Rations

WE HOPE IT WON'T HAVE TO COME TO THIS!

BY WILMOT LUNT

"IN ENGLAND—NOW!" (*concluded*)

"At last a day of real sunshine," he goes on, giving me a touch of local colour. "You've no idea of the relief, after all the snow and rain. Everybody's cheery and confident, but I'm afraid, Blanche, it will not finish this year." Which last isn't the opinion of an R.F.A. man, one of those whose guns put the wind up the Huns so badly in their great retreat "according to plan." "Things are looking very bright," he says, "and the general opinion out here is that the war will finish this year. Everything points that way. Leave's again in the dim and distant future, but I don't care a damn now we've got the Hun on the move. Great sport here at night rat-hunting. As big as cats, some of them, and it's almost as much of a shock to us as to them when we catch sight of each other by the light of our flash-lamps before the hunt begins."

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Many thanks, by the way, to some Italian gunnermen—I don't often hear from soldiermen of the land of the orange and the lemon and the olive and the loveliest of pictures and statues and the bluest of blue skies—for their charming note. "It will probably please you to know that your weekly letters are read with much pleasure and delight by a little group of Italian artillerymen way up here on one of the highest peaks of the front. We only respectfully ask you to give us a tiny place in your thoughts sometimes, as we think of you with fondness."

Answer.—Dear Italian Artillerymen—I am so delighted to hear from you. It does please me very much that you like my letters. My thoughts are rather full—there are so very many soldiermen in so very many places, and all are so very, very nice. But if you don't mind a crowd there's always room for just one more—or two, and I am, with love, etc.

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Alas! the hospitals get fuller and fuller of our broken men; and our fallen, in those far-off crowded graves of France, lie ever closer and closer. One who wrote much in The Bystander, and himself died of wounds last week, Lieut. Robert Vernède, sings their *requiem* in better words than I can:

Ye sleepers, who will sing you?
We can but give our tears—
Ye dead men, who shall bring you
Fame in the coming years?

Yet maybe Fame's but seeming,
And praise you'd set aside,
Content to go on dreaming,
Yea, happy to have died
If of all things you prayed for—
All things your valour paid for—
One prayer is not forgotten,
One purchase not denied.

But God grants your dear England
A strength that shall not cease
Till she have won for all the earth
From ruthless men release,
And made supreme upon her
Mercy and Truth and Honour—
Is this the thing you died for?
Oh, Brothers, sleep in peace!

With love, yours ever,
Blanche

BRAZIL HELPS THE GOOD WORK ALONG

This photograph shows some of the ladies, and a small boy in kilts, who helped in a big War Charity Fête at the British Legation at Rio de Janeiro, organised by the British Minister, Sir Arthur Peel

Hun Official

"This morning, as usual, our Artillery swept the enemy's lines of communication and cleared the roads"

STANDING EASY

VIII.—THAT UMPTY STAFF. By DELL LEIGH

THE 2-10th Battalion of the Midlandshire Regiment was a battalion without history or tradition. Indeed, it had come into being, as it were, by accident rather than design, and was, in fact, the result of an Army Corps shuffle. A brigade major or two had sighed over it; at least one divisional general had said unprintable things about it; and it had become known as "The Plimsolls." Why "The Plimsolls" nobody knew—or cared; but it was apt somehow. It reminded one of dingy streets at about the time when the evening paper rush began, and callow, expressionless youths steadied themselves on bicycles at the kerb, while a swarm of satellites fought for the papers on their backs. The 2-10th was recruited mainly from this obscure breed of men—a species which runs with papers, and wears plimsoll shoes. Hence the name, perhaps. Who knows? Anyway, there it was and they all hated it. Scrape together a thousand men from all four points of the compass; place iron-visaged sergeant-majors over them to knock swift discipline into them—who have never known any; officer them by young, keen men of the higher commercial grade, who themselves are weighed down somewhat by their responsibilities — and you have "The Plimsolls" as we find them in the slough of their despond. There had been sickness; a wave of measles had passed over the left half battalion, catching the weaklings at that critical point of their training when all the badness has been banished and the good, hard fibre is of small growth.

CANADA MAKES HISTORY

At Vimy Ridge: Major Cameron, who was wounded there, enjoying "The Bystander" on his arrival in hospital

BUT there had been success too, and the Umpty Staff, who missed little, had duly observed and noted it down for future guidance in France.

Then the "stand-by" orders came, and "draft" leave was handed out wholesale. Followed the Royal review and the valedictory speeches. The battalion in hollow square and gilt-edged staff officers taking a really close scrutiny of individuals. A brown hardness had by this time settled on the faces of "The Plimsolls," and it was a wide-eyed battalion that stood stiff, and very heavily equipped, listening (also for the first time) to their King.

A LITTLE note went out with them on the same transport—a note written in the small hours by a very tired man in England to a very tired man in France. Both wore the gold oakleaves, and both a double row of ribbons; but the language of one to the other, though brief, was simple, for they had sworn at each other from childhood, and had travelled up the army ladder together. . . .

. . . we have done all we can with them. You can't tire them out. But they want a good shaking. Drop some heavy stuff round them at once—give them night work, but don't send them "over" too soon. In fact, knock them about until they find their proper level—the material is excellent.

The result of the note was far-reaching. When "The Plimsolls" set foot in France their life from that moment became a great burden to them.

THE experiences and troubles they went through must not be described, but can, perhaps, be imagined; both their experiences and their troubles went towards the completion of "The Plimsolls'" training—a training in the hardest school on earth. The majority of the officers, and all the men, were convinced that at some period or other of their seven months' life as soldiers they had deeply offended some person or persons on the Umpty Staff, some members of which would still walk round and about them, looking them over, and finding open fault, usually preceded by some such sentence as "I never in all my life saw such a ——," etc., etc.

But what nobody, except "The Plimsolls'" commanding officer, knew, and what they know *now* (and what the enemy also knows) is that the standard of modern war efficiency is dreadfully high, and the standard of "The Plimsolls" was—well, rather low.

AND the moral of the boring story is this—that in the last big stunt, a few days ago, when men in trains and tubes were marvelling openly over their newspapers at the superb British infantry, which nothing can stop and nothing vanquish, an unknown (and, alas! now smaller) battalion was plumb in the middle of that business. It had the bit between its teeth, and the lore of modern warfare engraven upon its mind. It did what nobody ever supposed it would do—and did it better than that.

It is, in fact, still doing it; and the summer, and dry ground, stretches invitingly before it.

But it is not the same battalion of men, drawn from the dingy streets of Midlandshire. It is quite a different breed. The Umpty Staff have seen to that —and nobody thanks them.

Statement of Account

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DR. TO THE ALLIES

TO DESTRUCTION OF—

More of the little towns destroyed by the retreating Germans. The two pictures at the top of the page show ruined villages on the Aisne; the one on the right being particularly interesting from the fact that it is the birthplace of the soldier who is seen sitting on the ruins of his own home, which he has helped to win back from the greedy grip of the Hun. The lower picture shows Noyon Cemetery, desecrated in a crowning sacrilege by an enemy who does not hesitate to tear open even the graves in order to get lead from the coffins

Vimy—Vidi—Vici

Canadian Official Photograph

The Battle of Vimy Ridge will not improbably be selected by future historians as the turning point of the Great War ; and Canada will always be justly proud of the share her gallant sons took in the big fight. The top picture shows our shells bursting over, on, and in the German front-line trenches ; and the lower shows the Canadian Reserves digging themselves in under the barrage of the German Artillery designed to prevent the bringing up of reinforcements to the attacking lines

Shrapnel Pars

GENERAL HENDERSON says that "command" or "mastery" of the air has never existed; all we can hope to do is to be a little superior at the right time. That's the worst of our flying men, they are so modest.

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A WINE merchant applied to the Labour Exchange for a substitute for his manager, who was accustomed to handle large sums of money, and was sent an ex-convict. The exchange people must have heard that "time" is money.

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A PROFESSOR has said that the Germans are the most hated people in the world, and that they are proud of it. And we know what that kind of pride goes before, don't we?

❋

SLIGHT concessions are being made to Belgium by the Germans. A Belgian civilian was ordered to be shot by the German Governor rather than deported to Germany.

THE authorities have hit upon a very novel scheme for overcoming the difficulty of requiring the blinds of all railway carriages to be pulled down at night. The order has been revoked, and in future the lights of the train will be put out when required.

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GLASS for window panes is now over three times its pre-war price, but the Government are pressing on with the Bill which will grant women the vote.

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THE Crown Prince, according to the *Berliner Tageblatt*, does not desire to rule by force. It is, therefore, thought likely that in future he will be referred to as the Half-Crown Prince.

THAT "Last German War Loan" announcement may turn out, after all, to be something very different from the usual Bochefulness of the Boche. As things are going, it begins to look a lot more like a depressed kind of "intelligent anticipation."

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HAVING so dismally failed to view the war situation in its right focus, the Huns must now be wishing that they had been able to provide themselves with a stronger Lens.

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COMING events cast their shadows before; and the wholesale commandeering of clocks in the Vaterland provides a neatly prophetic omen for a nation already well on the way to being knocked out of time.

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THE female chimney-sweep who has started doing her bit at Gillingham, in Kent, says she can already give a flat contradiction to those who maintain that her job is not a soot-able one for women.

A BAD FAILURE

THE CIVILIAN: "I am surprised at you, Walter, letting your wife go about saying she made a man of you. You don't catch my missus doing that"

THE SOLDIER: "No, but I've often heard her say she'd done her best"

SHRAPNEL PARS (concluded)

We have no present confirmation of the report that Mr. Joseph Choate has been offered a princely salary to join the *Daily Mail* staff, on the strength of his inspiriting suggestion that "the war may last three or four years longer."

⁂

Sufferers from the shortage of hot water which is said to be now prevalent throughout Germany may find what comfort they can in the knowledge that Hindenburg is up to his neck in it on the Western front.

⁂

The well-known politeness of the British Army has again been emphasised in the recent advance. Large quantities of ammunition inadvertently left behind by the retreating Huns have been carefully and promptly sent after them—some of it through the agency of their own 5.9's.

Nursery Rhymes, 1917

Ride a pack-horse, uncommonly cross,
To see a staff officer, gilded and gross;
A crease in his trousers, no mud on his shoes,
He shall get "mentioned" whatever he does.

⁂

Three fat men of Saxony
Went out on patrol;
If the patrol had been stronger
Their lives might have been longer.

THE HUMAN POSTER

A few hints as to how the latest news can be read

If Only They'd Make "Old Bill" President of Those Tribunals

PASSED BY CENSOR

"Well, what's your job, me lad?"
"Making spots for rocking-horses, sir"
"Three months"
"Exemption, sir?"
"Nao, exemption be ——d! Three months' hard!"

BY CAPTAIN BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER

Help Yourself

THE servant problem was already acute before this devastating war came to turn everything upside down. It was difficult to get a good general servant, even if all you required her to do was to stand by and look on while you did the work yourself. Now, however, that the claims of National Service have very properly come before private convenience, the servant-girl industry is practically dead.

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NOBODY thought much of the maid-of-all-work while she was still with us; but we miss her now she's gone. The ordinary householder took the work of the servants for granted. It seemed quite natural that one should come down in the morning and find the fires lit and the breakfast prepared—just, in fact, in the same way as we find leaves on the trees without having had the bother of sticking them there.

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BUT now we are pained and surprised to learn that somehow the coals do not come up of their own accord from the cellar to the dining-room, and that boots thrown down in the hall at night have a distressing way of being still there when you come downstairs in the morning, and of staring at you, as it were, naked and unashamed.

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I HAVE heard that the difficulty of procuring servants is now so great that people are giving up their houses and are living in flats as a domestic-labour-saving device. It also appears that others have left their happy homes altogether, and have taken to munitions or farmwork, or anything that will relieve them of the dreary round of sweeping and dusting.

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IT must be an interesting experience for the lady who volunteers for farmwork to find on reaching her job that the farm is under the superintendence of her former housemaid, who makes a special point of impressing upon her that there will be only one evening out a week, and that followers are not allowed.

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I KNOW a man who recently helped his wife, with harsh and unfeeling words, to discharge a recalcitrant cook. He is now haunted by the fear that one of these days he will get on a 'bus and find that he has left all his money at home, and that the conductress of the 'bus is his violently discharged cook.

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THE outcome of the situation in regard to servants is that in future we shall all have to learn to help ourselves. Communal households have been suggested as a solution of the present difficulty. The idea in theory is admirable. You have your own apartments in a many-roomed house, and you take your turn with the other tenants at blacking the boots and cleaning the knives of the establishment, while the ladies look after the stores and the cooking.

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IN practice, however, it appears that on the day on which Mr. Jones is due for his spell of knife-cleaning he has been suddenly called away into the country to visit a sick aunt; and Mrs. Brown would, of course, be only too glad to take her turn in the cooking department if it were not that she had already undertaken to be present at a May meeting.

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I AM afraid, therefore, there is nothing for it but self-help if we want to keep the home together; and the doctors say that scrubbing a floor does you just as much good as golf, if you take up the work in the right spirit. Besides, when you come to think of it, there's a war on. ARNOLD GOLSWORTHY

STILL CONTRARY

Mary had a little lamb. . . . . .
(I deeply grieve to say
She would not keep to swedes and beans,
Upon her "meatless day").

Stunts Silhouetted

THE STUNT OF THE BILLETING OFFICER

The Billeting Officer on the march, if his knowledge of the language is slight, has no easy job. He goes on in advance of his unit, sees his troops into their billets, and then goes on again to arrange for the next night. And behind him always there are, perhaps, 1,000 tired men and horses expecting to find everything ready for them when the day's march is done. But he has compensations. If he should be a student of nature, he will find no lack of interest and incident in his duties, as Lieut. Oakley graphically shows in his silhouettes

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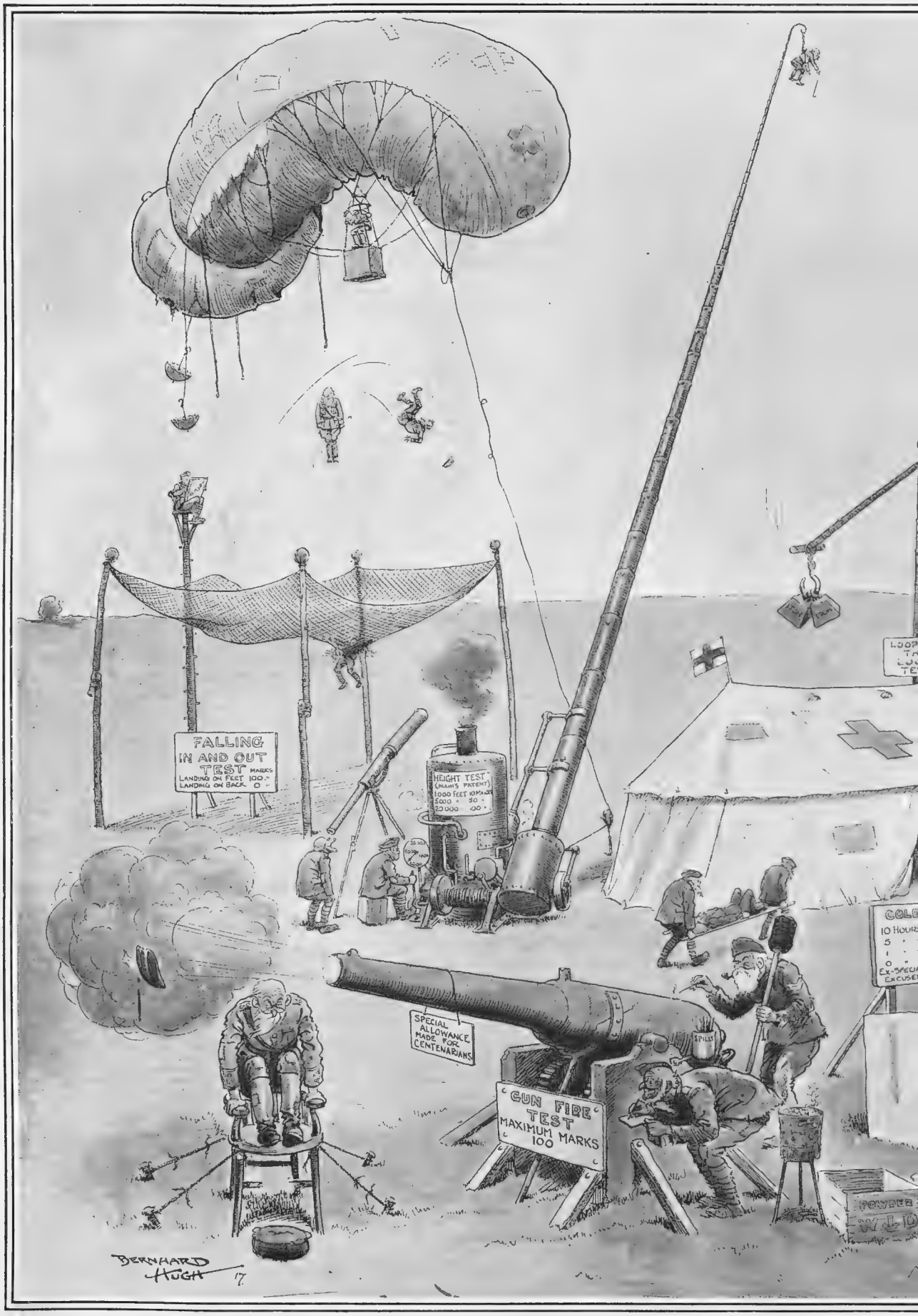

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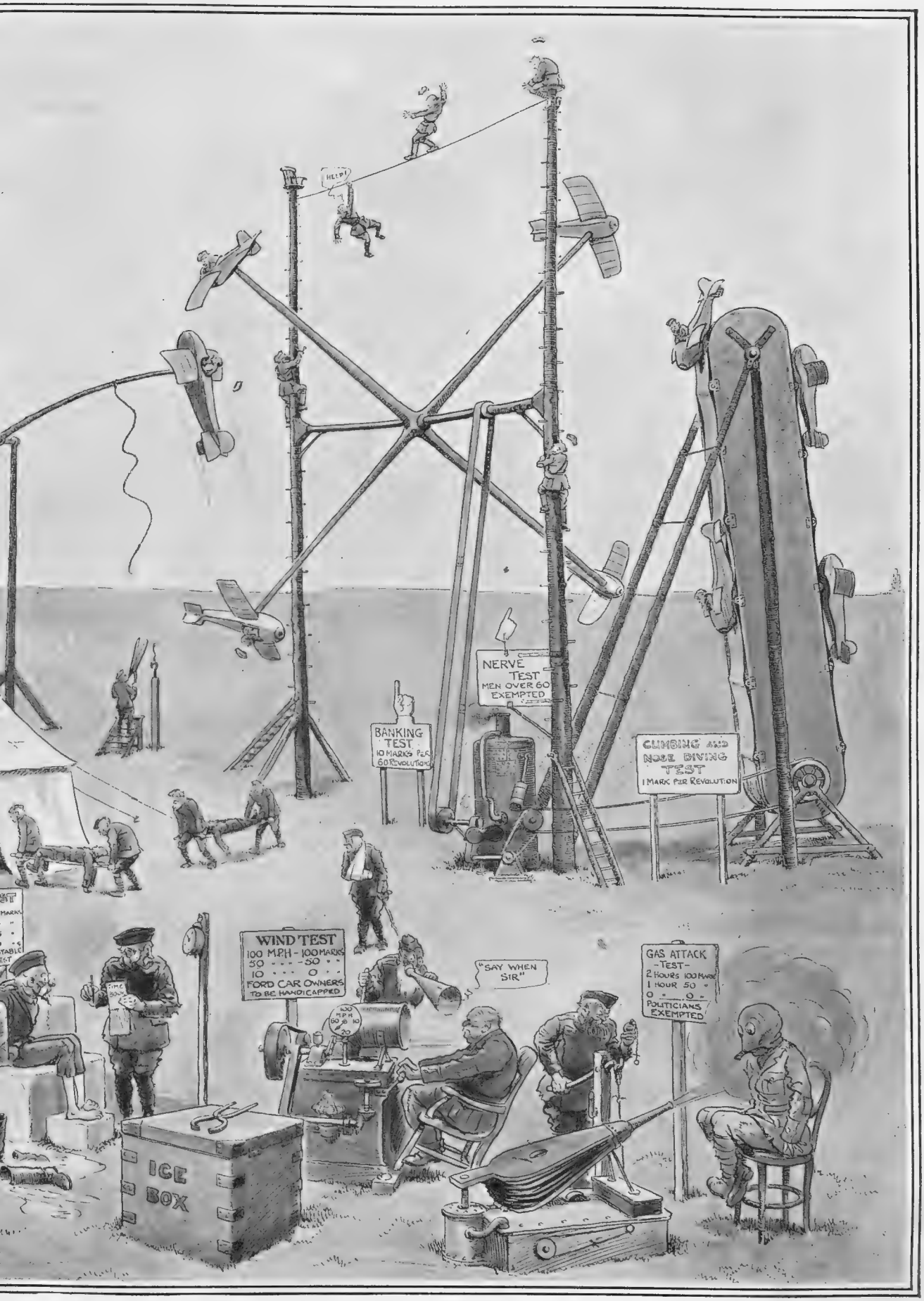

THEIR PILOTS' CERTIFICATES IN 1950

BYSTANDER SHORT STORY.

The Profiteers

BY CAPT. A. B. HARROWER, A.S.C.

"You know, I think it's a rotten shame," said Aunt Martha (Aunt Marthas pick up all sorts of expressions these days), "that all these profiteering people at home should be simply making their fortunes out of the war, and yet you boys who risk life and limb in the Army shouldn't be able to make a little war-profit, and actually lose by your service often enough with your paltry 7*s.* 6*d.* a day, or whatever it is."

She was a tall, large-boned woman with a ruddy complexion, grey hair, and a loud voice, and she was accustomed to the making of emphatic statements in her sister's drawing-room. At the moment she was taking tea in her accustomed place by the hearth, in the intervals of making fiery conversation with her nephew, a quiet young man with two stars upon a khaki sleeve, and his mother, who, happily for her husband, had not inherited from her forebears the same traits of delight in controversy with which Miss Martha Blinkwater had been imbued.

Lieut. Condor regretted having ever allowed "The Royal Warrant for the Pay of His Majesty's Army" to leave his bag. He might have known, he thought, that Aunt Martha would immediately pounce upon it and become at once acquainted with an exact knowledge of his impecuniosity. And when she started discussing any subject that impressed her there was no stopping her. She would examine it in all its aspects and suggest ways and means to a mitigation of such distresses as lack of adequate income.

He took a gulp of tea, cut a large piece of cake, and resigned himself to deal with the inevitable, the inevitable being a discussion of the horrid disclosures of the Royal Warrant. His aunt went on talking: "I've never seen so many women in furs in all my life as I saw in Regent Street to-day. It's getting almost a distinction not to wear a fur coat. Personally, I shall wear my *velour* in future, with just a musquash trimming. Don't you think so, Margaret?" Mrs. Condor assented, as usual, to the emphatic opinions of her elder sister, and Ralph was hoping with relief that perchance the conversation might take a turn in his favour and centre round coneys and sables and musquashes for a while; but he knew not his aunt, who returned quickly to the attack.

"You ought, Ralph, to get up some sort of a protest. Why not organise a petition from your brother officers to the War Office demanding more pay? They would simply have to give way. Now, there's a chance for you. As the organiser of that petition you would make a name for yourself. You might go very far indeed with youth on your side." Aunt Martha stopped, apparently dazzled by the vistas of glory opened up before her eyes, down which might stroll, in dignified splendour, an organiser of petitions to the War Office. She had visions of her nephew, now a somewhat obscure, though diligent, subaltern, wearing his frog and his sword, and followed by thousands of similarly garbed subalterns, marching down Whitehall to demand audience at the portals of the great stone house on the left, while she herself, prime mover in and instigator of his success, looked on from the interior of her sister's brougham. She saw him before the War Council of Five, looking the President in the eye, and courteously, but firmly, demanding an immediate increase in subalterns' pay. Later he would return triumphant, the hero of the hour, the man who had set out to do something and had got it done.

Ralph laid down his cup, and, thrusting his hands in his pockets, lay back in his chair. "I don't think we could quite do that," he said, "especially as there are so many opportunities given us to increase the amount of our pay. I'm afraid, under the circumstances, the authorities wouldn't listen to any of us."

"Opportunities?" said Aunt Martha, roused again. "What sort of opportunities?" "Well, they try all sorts of things," went on Ralph, an amused sparkle of reminiscence in his eye. "For example, there's the article-writing game for the Press, but it's not easy for the ordinary man. His thoughts up the line when he has a little leisure to write are so full of hatred of the Tin Hats and the Army Service Corps that he can't help getting them into his effusions, and then they're either censored, and he doesn't get paid, or they get into print and there's such a frightful row about it that life becomes a bore. There's a natural tendency, you see, to criticism involved by life in Flanders and Picardy just now, especially for those who've only had two years or so of Army life. One doesn't express it, but one feels it inevitably, and criticism from subs. is what no captain, major, colonel, or brigadier will stand at any price, and as for the Tin Hats—well, life becomes quite intolerable if one is so misguided as to criticise them! And quite right, too! I don't stand it from a sergeant, so why should they from me? It isn't my job to criticise.

"Then there are the fellows who sketch—not many of them, because there's been a pretty high standard set by a skipper man in the Royal Warwicks, but there are a few others, though they don't count for very much.

"Of course, there are lots of fellows who manage, somehow or other, to keep businesses at home in running order while they are away in France or the East, but their affairs always seem to get into a pretty rocky condition every few months, needing their personal attention to avoid collapse and general ruin. It's a useful thing to have a business like that. Then I once knew a man who wrote a play—at the beginning of the war—and made thousands of pounds; but then he hadn't been to France except in peace-time.

"But the best of all our profiteers was a fellow named Smith—a wonderful man, he was. One of those fellows who are always having Ideas—Ideas with a capital 'I,' that ought to be spelt with an I.

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From the Signal Book

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No. 3.—"KEEP AWAY"

BY LIEUT. ARTHUR WATTS, R.N.V.R.

BYSTANDER SHORT STORY (concluded)

with two lines through it. He'd have got the better of any Aberdonian I ever met, too.

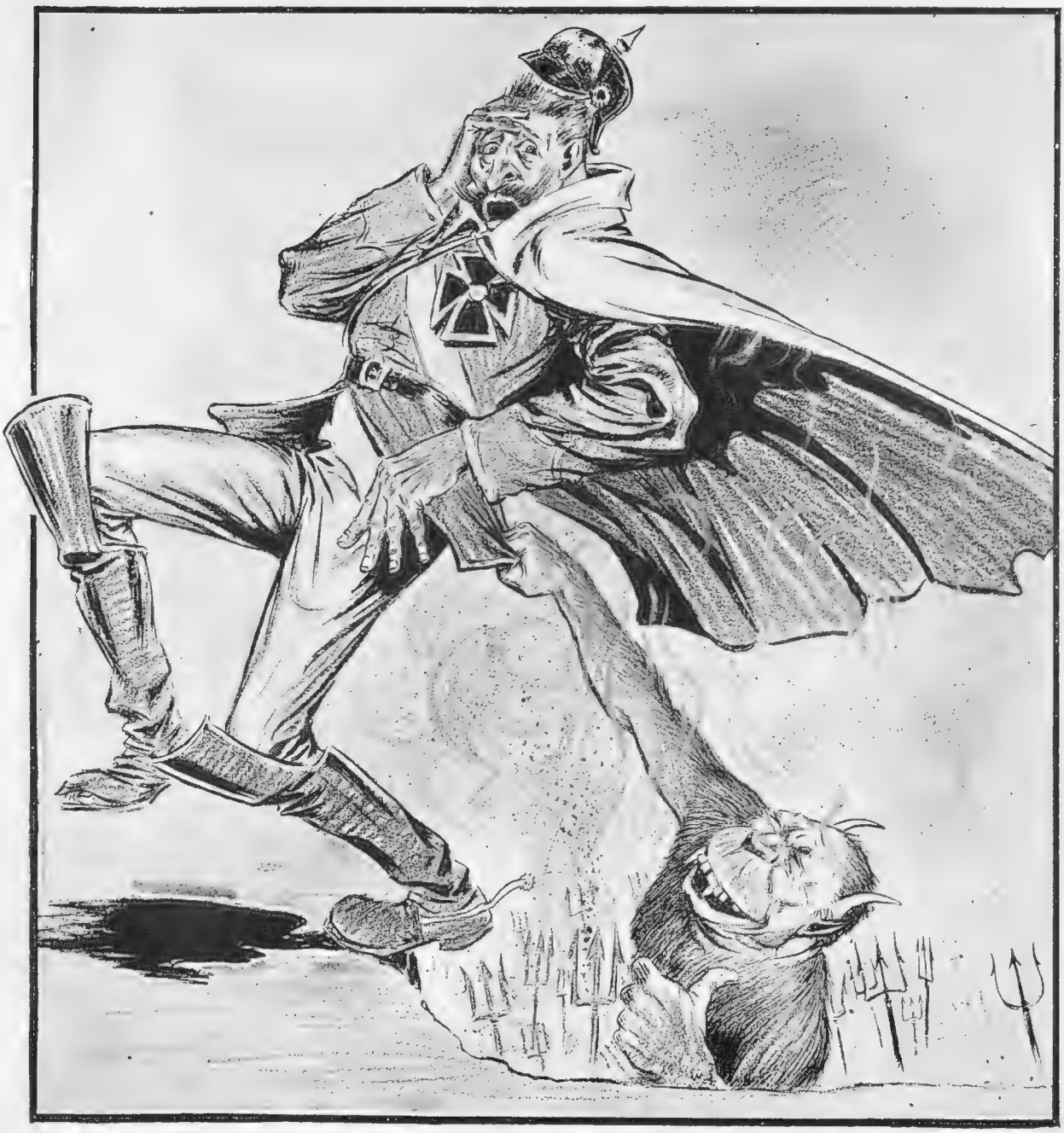
"'Well,' this bird thought to himself, 'what is it that everybody wants in England'? And the answer came to him when a raiding-party was bringing in prisoners one day. The answer was 'Souvenirs.' The next question he asked himself was, 'What is the best kind of souvenir?' and the answer to that in general terms was easy—'something that is most characteristic of the sort of war we're waging.' So far, so good; but he had to make those general terms particular, and the answer came to him in a flash when, one day, he happened to get buried by an exploding canister. He kept on thinking how he could turn that canister to his own advantage. The answer that came to him was 'Mud.' Just 'Mud'—nothing more nor less than oozy, filthy, French mud.

"He was one of those North Country fellows who run a big business turning over thousands a month with the aid of a small boy and a dog, so he began to make his arrangements at home through the post, and then the first I saw of his idea was brought to my notice. He always spent a few minutes every morning collecting bits of mud or clay in the trench, or if we were back in rest billets, in the road or in a ploughed field, and he used to write a lot of letters home. In each letter he used to enclose half a dozen dollops of mud. When he went on leave he took practically nothing with him, but filled his bag with mud. He told me about it afterwards. He said his people at home made the mud up into small souvenir brooches, and they sold like hot cakes. All that was required were two bits of glass, concave on one side, where the mud was to go, and a bit of gilt metal round the edges. The mud was guaranteed 'straight from the trenches,' and so it was."

"What a wonderful man," said Aunt Martha, with wide-open, admiring eyes.

"Yes," said Ralph. "He's dead now, poor chap. Died of tetanus, contracted while mud-collecting."

In the silence which followed he got up and went to the door. "Cheer-oh!" he said, and, catching his mother's eye, he winked.



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"DOUBLE DUTCH" AT THE APOLLO

THEN there is the bed. In repose the bed is a modest-looking sofa. On a spring being pressed, however, it becomes transformed into a canopied bed, the domestic advantages of which are candidly discussed. I counted at least four hearty laughs for which the transformation sofa was responsible; and since the aim of farce is to provoke mirth, it seems to me that this very elastic piece of furniture is a distinct asset to the piece. For the rest, the dialogue is chiefly remarkable for its simple directness and its lack of any subtlety likely to strain the mental faculties of the audience. Also, when one of the characters complains that he finds himself in a terrible hole, the obvious retort is mercifully not denied to us. He is told that if he knows of a better hole he should go to it. *Double Dutch* is not a play for the fastidious; but its materials have so often proved to be to the public taste that it seems a reasonable commercial venture. JINGLE

ANOTHER familiar character is Henk. He is the good young man of farce, who has hitherto remained unspotted from the world. Naturally enough when he does break out at last there is something of a smash. The country curate who felt a perfect devil after a bun and two glasses of milk is an anchorite compared to Henk. At one stage of the proceedings an excuse is made to introduce some ladies who have come to offer their services as artists' models; and naturally the most comely lady of the lot cannot miss the opportunity of making the usual inspiriting reference to her charms in "the altogether." The ladies are sent into another room to reduce the amount of their wearing apparel, as it were; and it follows as the night the day that Henk, in his search for a glass of cooling water, strolls into that very decorative apartment at an awkward moment. These little tricks of stage management have succeeded so often with profit to their authors that I see no reason why they should not succeed in the present instance.

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"FASHIONS—MALE AND MILITARY" (concluded)

civilians are few and far between. The man in khaki must do as he is told, "his not to reason why, his but to do or die," even if the doing involve the sacrifice of innumerable small, harmless solaces. Gloves were originally invented, I suppose, to keep the hands warm, but nowadays they are a convention, a military necessity. Therefore, however hot an officer's hands may be, or however slim his purse, gloves of the regulation pattern he must wear. The same applies to the homely pipe. Cigarettes are agreed, by common consent, to be not so good for the health as a pipe, and cigars, smokable ones, at least, cost considerably more than a large number of subalterns can well afford, but no officer must be seen smoking a pipe in public when at home.

"A man prides himself on having abandoned the field of fashion"

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Economy—

BUT, speaking seriously, it seems to me that from the point of view of both economy and health, not to mention comfort, certain conventions imposed upon officers might well be laid on the shelf to the advantage of all concerned. I am told that a Guardsman may actually be seen in a 'bus without losing caste, so that even military fashions are obviously not the laws of the Medes and Persians. Yet at a time when the strictest economy is preached, both as a necessity and a matter of good taste, extravagance in the matter of cigars, cigarettes, gloves, etc., is not only encouraged, but enjoined. At least that is my impression as a mere woman. There may be excellent reasons for these decrees of military fashion, doubtless there are, but so far I have been unable to grasp them, and I believe that I am not alone in my ignorance.

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Why Not?

PROBABLY I am extremely obtuse, but I cannot see why an officer should not smoke a pipe in a restaurant, a railway-carriage, or walking along a country road—even in Piccadilly if he wishes. He can and, I believe, does, not uncommonly, *smoke his pipe in the trenches*, so that it is not a question of military efficiency. I only hope that I am not laying myself open to prosecution under the Defence of the Realm Act for expressing my humble feminine opinion, but here it is: that even in military etiquette economy and convenience should supersede fashionable convention.

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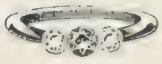

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A Biography

Professor C. Alphonso Smith's *O. Henry: A Biography* (Hodder and Stoughton: 10*s.* 6*d.* net) will answer the question. O. Henry's real name was William Sydney Porter. He came from the South, was foolish enough to become cashier in a bank where none of the customers seems to have had any business capacity at all, was accused of embezzlement, and sent to prison. And after years spent behind prison walls he came to New York, and promptly annexed it. You are glad to know that he lived long enough to taste success. What he must have gone through hardly bears thinking about, yet it was his own chequered career which enabled him to paint on so wide a canvas. Professor Smith gives him a full-dress biography. It is possible that British readers may want to skip his earlier chapters, which deal with O. Henry's ancestry; but nearly everything about the man is interesting. The book sets out the truth, so far as it is known, about a very strange personality, and, incidentally, disposes of all those rumours which used to circulate about the pseudonym chosen by William Porter to hide his identity. After reading the biography, moreover, you turn to the stories themselves with a renewed enthusiasm.

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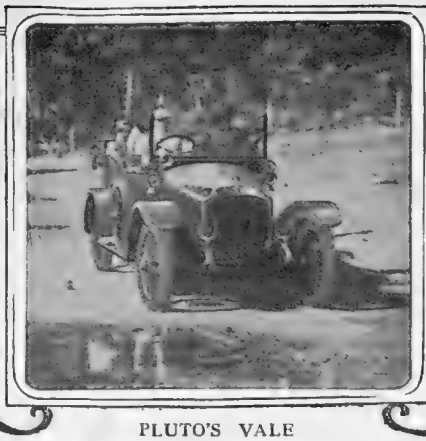

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The Tractor

No more news (for publication) yet about the suggested combine among British motor-car manufacturers for the purposes of producing *the* farm tractor. I suppose one difficulty about such a co-operative product may be to decide upon the type most particularly suited to the agricultural conditions of these islands. There are, of course, several tractor manufacturers long established in this country, and if any one or all of their products could be pronounced as particularly suitable, the motor-car manufacturers have only need to adopt one or all such types and get to work with the facilities which would doubtless be forthcoming from the Government. Because it is quite certain that we shall have to have a tremendous number of these farm tractors available by harvest time if we are to turn over all the most productive land in the United Kingdom (including Ireland and Scotland) for the 1918 crop. It is equally certain that the Board of Agriculture will only be concerned, if it is to throw its mantle (as it must) over a national food production organisation, to secure the tractors of maximum utility and efficiency for the national conditions. The British motor-car manufacturers will, of course, be equally and similarly concerned.

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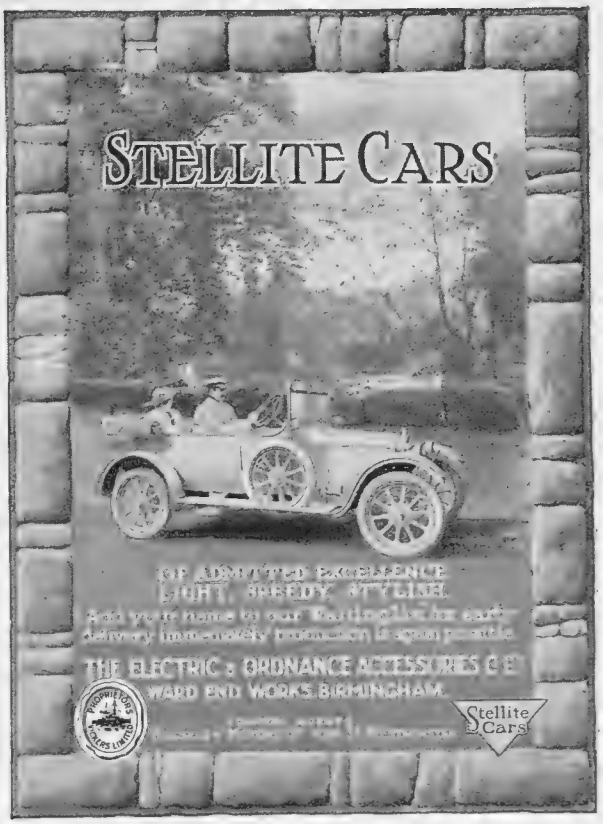

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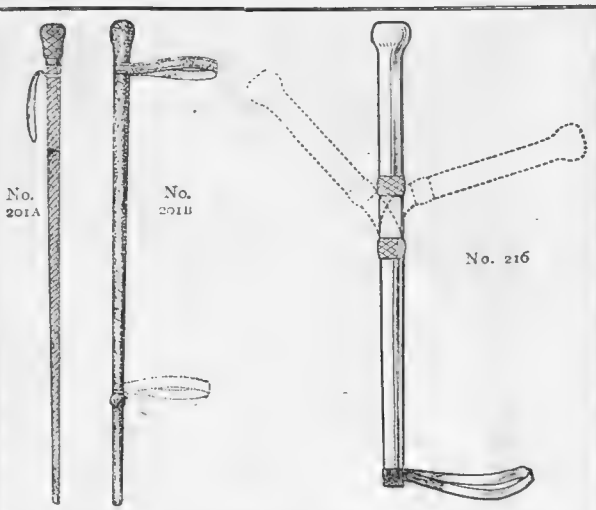

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MOTOR NOTES (*concluded*)

available on March 1, when the machinery and implements section of the Board of Agriculture took on a very rush job indeed, the section referred to could get the tremendous acreage of land turned over which said section, in fact, did, why, the maximum required from the tractors to be available in the fall should very easily be attained; because, in any case, whether there is a concentration upon a particular type of machine or not, at any rate there will be a very much greater number of tractors manufactured in, and imported into, this country by August than were available on March 1; and it will only require the organising ability exercised by the Food Production Department so far to "get busy" with the greater volume of machinery available in three months' time to secure results equally great by comparison with the present spring ploughing results. Wherefore I hope the organising ability aforesaid will be maintained or bettered.

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The Ford Tractor

Since the above was written it is announced that Henry Ford and Son, of Dearborn, U.S.A., have offered their tractor designs to the British Government, waived all patent rights, and sent along all detail drawings and specifications to enable the British manufacturers to get on with the building of Ford tractors at once in the national interest.

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Odds and Ends

In 1906 London possessed forty-seven motor-cabs. Some of them seem to be still running; and still waiting for their first clean-up, if one may judge from the condition of some of the rotten old crocks that ply for hire.—It is announced that overseas officers are not using the late R.A.C., now Royal Overseas Officers' Club, as freely as they might. Funny if, after all the row, the Club becomes an Overseas Officers' White Elephant. Perhaps overseas officers continue to prefer that their clubs shall be clubs and not hotels.—Sunbeams proposed to send a racing team of three cars to compete in the American track races this year. The F.I.A.T. Company were going to send two cars. Now that America is in, it may be that the racing season will be off. The Automobile Club of America has already cancelled its Grand Prize event. Apparently America is getting ready to go all out.—"Nowadays we all want to take the stiffest climb on top gear." How ideas change. Quite recently the top-gear car was jeered at because "motoring would be dull if it were not for the interest of, among other things, constant gear-changing." — The Daimler Company has placed an annual £25 at the disposal of the Institution of Automobile Engineers, to be awarded to the graduate who submits the best paper on an appropriate subject in any session. This is additional to the graduates prize already offered each year by the Institution. Particulars from secretary, 28, Victoria Street, Westminster. —A bullet, nail, and glass-proof tyre has been constructed in Australia. It is a cocoanut fibre filled tyre, and has been considerably used for rough Australian work. It takes the place both of tyre and tube, and is attached to the rim by straps. Apparently not quite the thing for our standards of comfort, but perhaps not too bad for rougher conditions. I do not suppose the Dunlop share market will be disturbed

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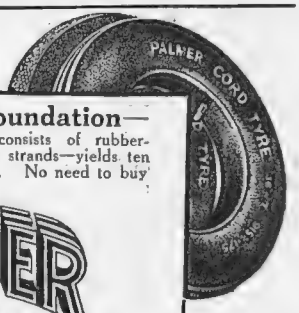

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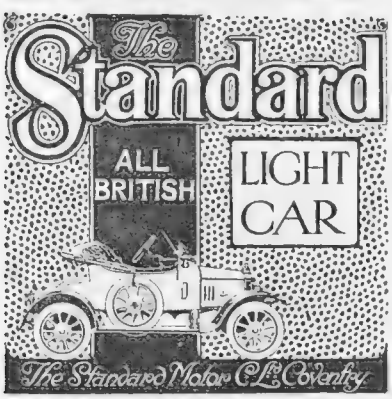

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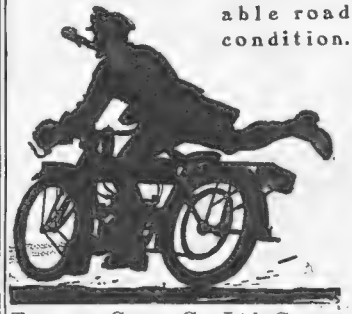

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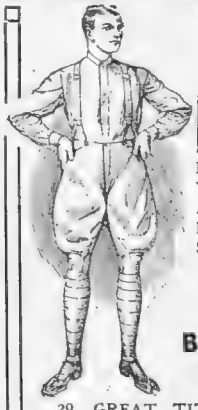

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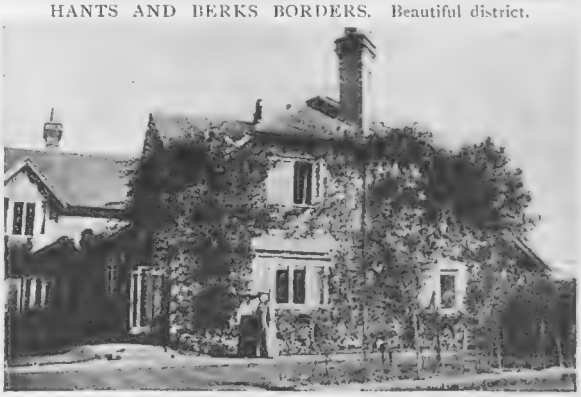

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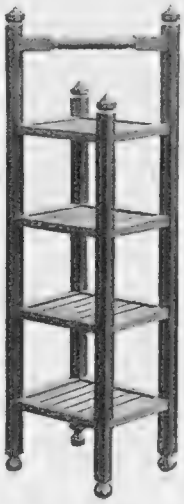

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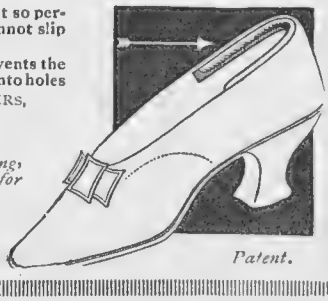

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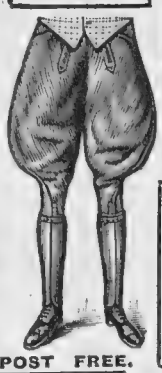

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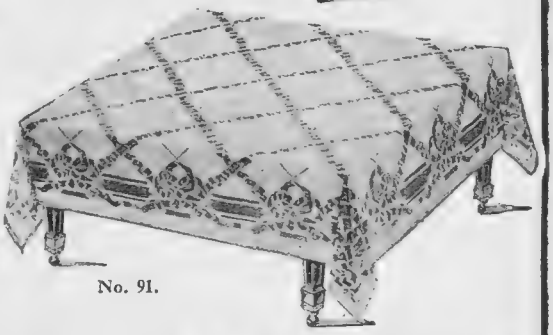

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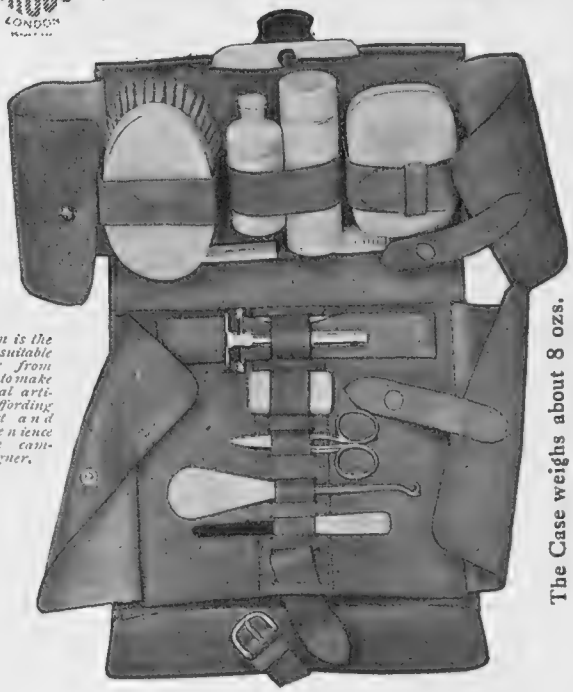

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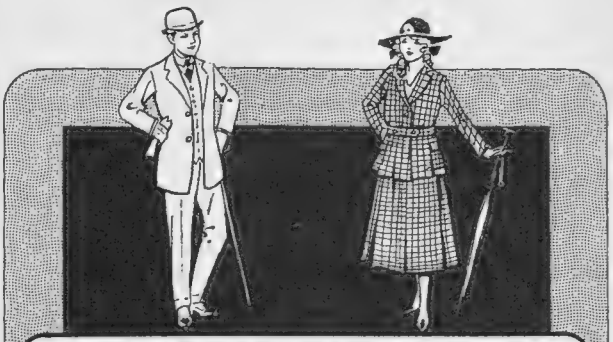

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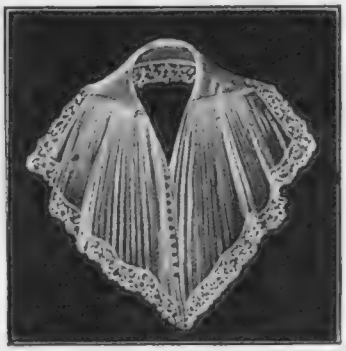

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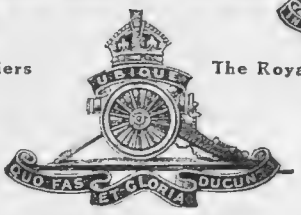

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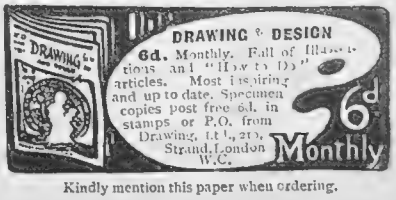

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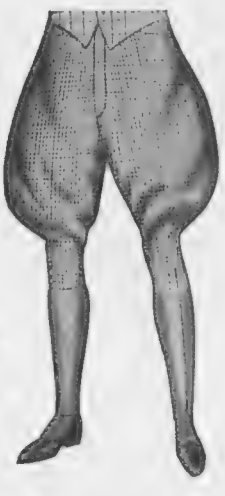

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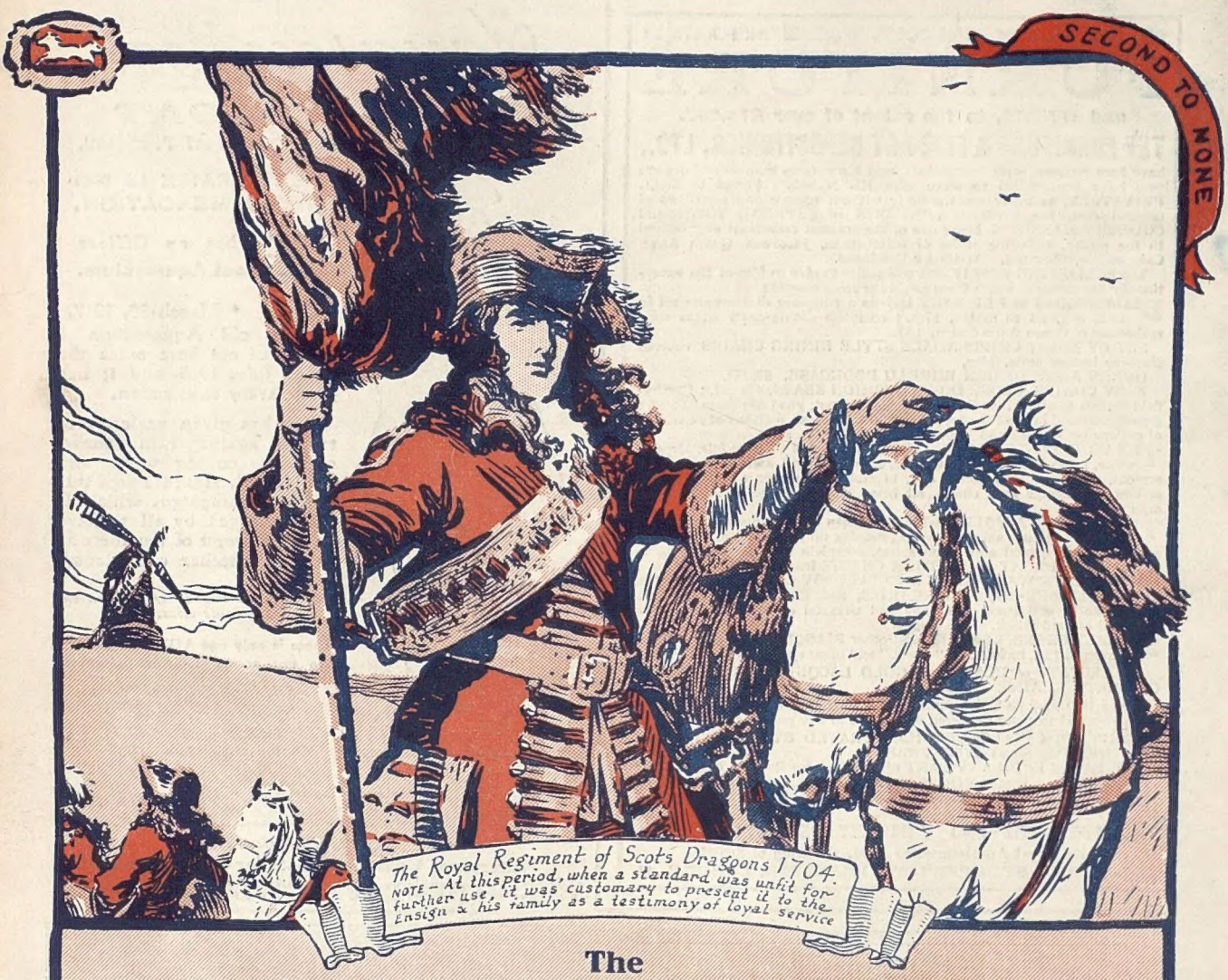

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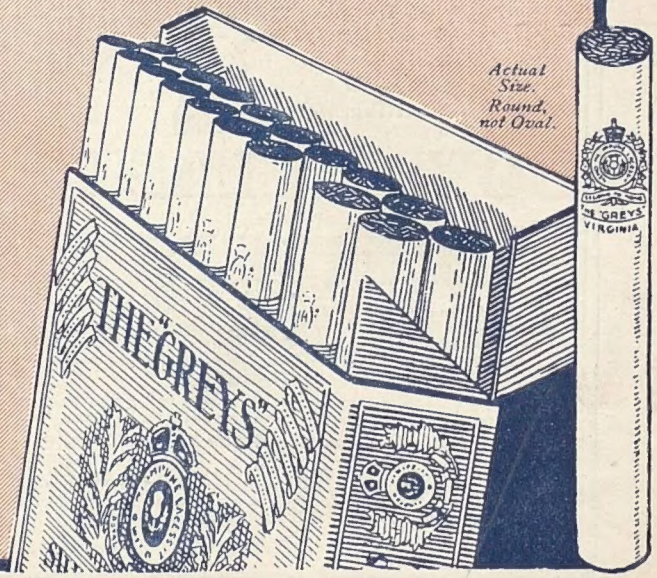

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